

## **2. Remarks**

Applicant elects to prosecute Invention Group VI under this application (Claims 52-58), but respectfully traverses in part the restriction requirement, and requests reconsideration in accordance with 37 CFR §1.143. Specifically, applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement to the extent that the claims in Invention Group V (claims 47-51) are for a method that requires, or can be clarified with amendments to require use of a protector for the installation method. As the Examiner noted in the Restriction Requirement, the claims of Groups V and VI are related as a combination and sub-combination. At least some of the method claims in Group V, if amended to clarify the member is the protector claimed in the claims of Group VI, would be related such that there would be no separate utility by itself or in other combinations, and thus would not be distinct inventions under MPEP 806.05(c). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration only to the extent that if the claims of Group V are modified such that the claims would not have separate utility, the amended claims of Group V would not be subject to the restriction requirement.

## **CONCLUSION**

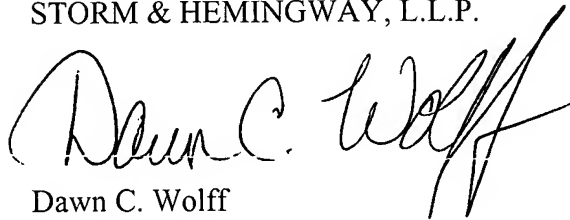
On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all requests made of Applicant in this Office Action have been addressed and Applicant has complied with all requirements made therein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this restriction requirement as described above. Applicant believes this application has met all the requirements to be considered for advancement of the application toward issue, and requests consideration thereof. Applicant does not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment with regard to the filing of the subject Response to Restriction/Election Requirement to Deposit Account #50-2180 in the name of Paul Storm, P.C.

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Respectfully submitted,

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